

**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2005 AT 6.30 p.m.  
IN THE WILLIAMS ROOM**

ACTION

**Present** : As per Sederunt Sheets

**Apologies** : Euan Baxter, Sonia Campbell, Alice Flatman,  
Vikki Jackson, Shona Morrison, Caz Neilson

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**1 MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH STATUTORY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
19 May 2005 – Factual Corrections**

None

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

None

Minutes adopted by Council.

**3 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**(Copy of reports circulated to Council)**

**3.1 Court Meeting – Voluntary Severance Scheme.**

D Guy reported that the voluntary severance scheme had been discussed. The University is aiming to make up a £10 million deficit and because only around £7½ million of the target has been achieved, Court agreed that the scheme should continue for another month and try to encourage it more in the targeted areas. An update on the situation should be available at the November Court meeting.

**3.2 Council Members Resigned**

The following members of Council are deemed to have resigned as a result of them missing two meetings without apologies or four meetings with apologies:

Hany Al Wardi	Douglas MacKenzie
Douglas Cain	Heather Noller
Hong Hong Chen	Nicole Svinos
Ying Feng	Alex Thomson
Sarah Gurney	Hannah Burt
Srikant Jakilinki	Iain Kennedy
Kris Jurgens	Aisling Martin

It was also noted that Aidan Brack the Charities Officer had resigned earlier but a new Charities Officer, Patrick McGlinchey had since been elected at the Spring Elections.

### 3.3 Questions or Comments for the President

#### 3.3.1 Format of Executive Officers' Reports

A MacDonald was not impressed with the new format of the reports. D Guy explained that the consensus had been that it would be easier to report after projects/specific meetings and the outcome of them, and also future implications and activities of the SRC. Any comments or suggestions on other formats should be e-mailed to D Guy.

#### 3.3.2 Notification of Meeting

A Roberts pointed out that members had not been notified of the 8<sup>th</sup> Statutory Meeting taking place. As D Guy did not have a complete e-mail list of everyone he had been unable to do this. Notification of future meetings will be e-mailed to everyone when the new members of Council are elected.

## 4 VP ACTIVITIES & DEVELOPMENT REPORT (Copy of reports circulated to Council)

### 4.1 Clubs & Societies

H Spurling is working on the Handbook and sending out letters to local pubs and clubs to find out if they have a free buffet so Clubs & Societies can organise events.

### 4.2 Questions or Comments for VP Activities & Development

#### 4.2.1 Refreshers' Week

J McHale asked how the SRC was planning to finance this with events in the Unions. H Spurling explained she will invite the Unions to put on events and maybe do some extra things around them. H Spurling is hoping to raise sponsorship for it. Refreshers' Week is a scaled down event of Freshers' Week and will be marketed to all students to get re-involved, especially other years apart from first years. Plenty of publicity will be organised for the event.

#### 4.2.2 Clubs & Societies Contact Details Website

This will take a while to arrange but H Spurling hopes to have this organised by next week.

## 5 VP COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

### (Copy of reports circulated to Council)

S Morrison had submitted her apologies. Anyone with any questions about her report should contact her directly.

## 6 VP EDUCATION REPORT

### (Copy of reports circulated to Council)

### 6.1 Meetings

M Davies had attended his first University committee meeting and was looking forward to future ones.

## 6.2 Questions or Comments for VP Education

### 6.2.1 Convenors e-mails

K Connell asked when the Convenors e-mail addresses would be organised. M Davies is arranging this and hopes to have them available very soon.

### 6.2.2 Class Reps

M Davies had e-mailed departmental secretaries reiterating the importance of Class Reps and the role they have to play. Training will take place on 7-11 November, Monday - Friday 12-2 p.m. and Monday – Thursday 6-9 p.m.

### 6.2.3 Qmunicate

It was noted that M Davies had incorrectly spelled this in his report. M Davies explained he writes a regular column in Qmunicate on various issues which students might not be familiar with on campus. He also writes a column for GUI.

### 6.2.4 Co-ordination of Faculty Convenor/Rep Training

A Roberts asked who would be carrying out the training. M Davies explained that the Faculty Convenor training had taken place and the Class Rep Training will be carried out by some members of the Exec, the Permanent Secretary and certain members of staff once Duncan Cockburn from SPARQS trains them. D Cockburn will present some of the sessions. M Davies will look into training representatives on the Board of Faculties.

### 6.2.5 Faculty Induction Talks

M Davies had spoken at most of these apart from the two for the Engineering Faculty which the VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities had attended. The departments had been very positive and pleased the SRC was visiting them.

### 6.2.6 Campus Tours

M Davies was delighted with the success of the campus tours.

## 7 VP i/c WELFARE & EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES REPORT (Copy of reports circulated to Council)

### 7.1 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Council wished to minute their congratulations to Shona Morrison on her 21<sup>st</sup> birthday.

### 7.2 Halls Committee Induction Pack & Online Forum

S Tomlinson has been working on this and putting together an online forum for the Halls Committees to share information.

## 7.3 Questions or Comments for VP Welfare & Equal Opportunities

### 7.3.1 Condoms and C-card Scheme

J McHale mentioned there had been talk over the summer that the SRC didn't agreed with the C-card scheme. He asked if this was correct. S

Tomlinson informed him that the SRC does not have a formal stance on this but the Exec does. She explained that the C-card scheme is run by Glasgow Health Board. There are outlets across Glasgow where people can go to and give their date of birth and first three/four letters and digits of their postcode. They then receive a physical card and they can go to any C-card outlet place where they will be given free condoms and offered advice and training. The SRC does not offer this but does offer free condoms and if requested, free advice from the Advice Centre. The reason that the Exec does not agree with the C-card scheme is because people are being asked for details, to go through a registration process, which can be off-putting for some people. The outlet places can only be certain institutions and staff have to be employed to run it. The SRC offers free condoms to all halls of residence and if the SRC was to subscribe to the C-card scheme then it would not be able to do this and it would not be the best way of targeting the students. J McHale informed Council that the Q M Union had looked at the C-card scheme as a positive way forward. H Spurling added that some students only became aware that the SRC provided free condoms when they saw them advertised at the Freshers' Week Café.

### **7.3.2 Oceana**

A Roberts asked about this. S Tomlinson explained that the people who run the student support network, Oceana, approached her and asked if the SRC would look after it. She has managed to get this incorporated into Student Community Action and they are now looking for volunteers to run the scheme. She is trying to link up with student network because they provide the same services.

### **7.3.2 ALPHA**

As a point of information J McHale informed Council that the QM is composing new rules regarding the distribution of fliers.

## **8 CONVENORS, OFFICERS' & ASSESSOR'S REPORTS**

### **8.1 Anders Roberts, International Students' Officer**

#### **8.1.1 Meeting with Deans**

A Roberts has held some meetings with Deans regarding a few issues in Faculties. If anyone wants to find out about the meetings they should speak to A Roberts.

#### **8.1.2 The Geomatics Group**

This group had a closure before the new Exec took over. A Roberts was present at the meeting where the terms and conditions of that were decided and he spoke to some students after it. He has since met with D Guy and provided feedback. D Guy pointed out that the SRC was not opposing the decision to close but wanting to ensure that ongoing provision for the students who were continuing while the department was being wound down would still receive a full amount of support. A Roberts will continue to monitor the situation.

**8.1.3 Faculty Induction**

A Roberts was involved with the faculty induction for both Information and Mathematical Sciences and Biomedical Life Sciences. He gave talks there and was received as quite helpful.

**8.1.4 International Students' Officer**

A Roberts is trying to refine the Scholarships process. A plan has been put together for a new remit for the Committee.

**8.1.5 Clubs & Societies for International Students**

This is continuing and will meet next week.

**8.1.6 Meeting with the QM Union President**

A Roberts had met with J McHale to discuss a few matters.

**9 Vice Principals**

J A Murray, Past President mentioned that it was his understanding that two of the Vice Principals have now been promoted to a new position of pro-Vice Principal status. He thought that in light of the current situation and strict funding cuts it was inappropriate for the University to do this. D Guy explained they would be doing the same things for the University in terms of recruitment and advancement and will not be receiving any extra payment, just the honorary title.

**10 MOTION OF POLICY:****Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act**

D Guy proposed and M Davies seconded the following Motion which read:

1. The SRC notes:
  - 1.1 Its Existing policy 'Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Bill' passed by the Council on October 7<sup>th</sup> 2004.
  - 1.2 That since the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act was passed, the Scottish Executive have announced their intention to charge medical students from other parts of the United Kingdom in Scottish Universities an annual fee of £2,800, and non-medical students from elsewhere in the UK £1,700 to study.
2. The SRC resolves:
  - 2.1 To campaign against the introduction of these charges, despite the Act allowing the Scottish Executive to do so having been passed.
  - 2.2 To work with other institutions, through CHES, the British Medical Association Students' Committee and the National Union of Students in opposing the introduction of these fees.

D Guy spoke on the Motion. An open period followed. No direct negative. Motion passed.

**11 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS****18 May to 9 June 2005 - Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

**12 MINUTES OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**29 March to 14 June 2005 – Factual Corrections and Matters Arising**

None. Minutes adopted by Council.

**13 AOCB**

**13.1 Registration Cards**

As a result of the University introducing new Registration Cards which cannot have holes punched in them to indicate Union membership J McHale informed Council that the QM Union have had to purchase a membership card system. He asked if there was anything that the student bodies as a whole could do to put pressure on the University to integrate into their webstar system where a student can opt to join a Union and their details are then sent automatically to the Union. D Guy will speak to the Academic Secretary about this and also suggested that the QM put pressure on the GUU to open up joint student membership again.

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**13.2 Time of Council Meetings**

D Guy asked Council if anyone had any objection to changing the time of future meetings to earlier in the evening. A lot of points were raised both for and against this move.

Due to the number of issues raised it was agreed that the matter lie on the table until the next meeting. At the next meeting it will be decided whether or not the time will be changed. D Guy will e-mail Council and the new members, once they are elected, asking their time preference for meetings.

Meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

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